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1. IN MY MEETING WITH BITSIOS TODAY HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CLIFFORD REPORT. HE SAID HE HAD HAD FULL REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS IN WASHINGTON SOME DAYS BACK BUT WONDERED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. I SAID THAT I ASSUMED THAT DECISIONS WERE BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT WE COULD PROBABLY EXPECT TO HEAR SOMETHING, AT LEAST WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF THE POINTS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WOULD SOON HAVE TO INDICATE TO THE CONGRESS SOME FURTHER DETAILS ON ITS PROPOSALS FOR FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR FY '78 AND THAT AS HE KNEW, CLIFFORD HAD RECOMMENDED AN AMOUNT FOR TURKEY, MORE THAN THE PAST YEAR BUT LESS THAN THE AMOUNT ENVISAGED BY THE PROPOSED U.S.-TURKISH DCA. I SAID
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I ALSO EXPECTED ACTION TO BE TAKEN BEFORE TOO LONG ON CLIFFORD'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TURKISH DCA BE ENDORSED "IN PRINCIPLE" BUT WITHOUT PRESSING THE CONGRESS TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY WITH RESPECT TO LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON IT, ADDING THAT SUCH A RECOMMENDATION MADE EMINENT SENSE TO ME AND THAT I PERSONALLY EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE APPROVED. BITSIOS

SIMPLY TOOK NOTE OF WHAT I SAID AND REGISTERED NO
OBJECTION OR DISAGREEMENT WITH ME.
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